

REMARKS

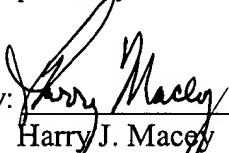
Claims 1-9, 11 and 15-18 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 10 and 12-14 amended. Claim 12 had been rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of its base and intervening claims. No new matter is believed to be added by way of this amendment. Claims 10, 13, and 14 depend from claim 12. Since Applicants have not received a Notice of Allowance in Application No. 10/120,579, further comment on the obviousness type double patenting rejection based on this reference is believed unnecessary at this time.

Applicants submit that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date. If a telephone interview would advance prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and/or the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due, including additional claims fees, in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 50-1947 referencing Attorney Docket No. CSI-2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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